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1. Disagreements in the Central Committee, CC, of the Federation of Communists of Yugoslavia, FCY, are very strong. The issues are clearly drawn and surprises are expected.
2. There are four principal actors in this struggle for power: Tito, who has army support; Edvard Kardelj, who has the support of the CC of the FCY; Aleksandar Rankovic, who controls the police but favors the status quo because he controls the balance of power; and Mose Pijade, who is out of the running because of his age.
3. Kardelj has enormous influence in the CC and is anticipating the assumption of power.
4. Rankovic is next in line for purging since he controls the police and did not commit himself during the Djilas dispute¹.
5. Milovan Djilas, recently purged member of the Executive Committee of the FCY, has a large following. The CC of the FCY is conducting a large-scale propaganda campaign against him and his influence. Special secretaries, considered UDB agents, have been placed in each work unit and enterprise to harangue against the Djilas heresy.
6. A high degree of ethnic antagonism, Serb versus Croat, et cetera, exists among the communist as well as the non-communist segment of the Yugoslav population.

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7. There are many examples of large-scale internal conflicts between the Federal units of the UDB and the Serbian and Belgrade divisions of the UDB.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment: This information on the likelihood of an early purge of Rankovic is through, and may be from, the same source of a similar statement made in [REDACTED]

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